Release of undisbursed amount of FRF fund

2913. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any performing State has requested for release of the undisbursed amount of Fiscal Reforms Facility (FRF) fund;

(b) whether EAP loans are being not passed through public account as per recommendations of Twelfth Finance Commission; if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether debt relief for 2006-07 are not granted to State Governments so far, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Some States have requested for pro-rata distribution of the undistributed amount of Fiscal Reforms Facility Fund.

(b) External loans do not flow to the States through the public account but through the Consolidated Fund of India. This is in line with the decision of Government of India while accepting the recommendations of Twelfth Finance Commission.

(c) No, Sir. Twelfth Finance Commission recommended debt waiver subject to States fulfilling certain conditions. As and when States fulfil these conditions, eligibility of debt waiver for 2006-07 will be determined and sanctioned to the eligible States.

CBI investigation against customs officials

2914. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the C.B.I. has completed its investigation against the customs officials at Karipur Airport who are reported to have taken bribery running into several crore of rupees and if so, the details thereof; and